

PM Tables Motion To Revoke Three Emergency Proclamations
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Thursday tabled a motion in the Dewan Rakyat to revoke three emergency proclamations.

The proclamations, issued by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, are the Emergency Proclamation 1966, Emergency Proclamation 1969 and Emergency Proclamation 1977.

The 1969 emergency proclamation was issued on May 15, 1969, following racial riots two days earlier.

The 1966 and 1977 emergency proclamations, issued on Sept 14, 1966, in Sarawak and Nov 8, 1977, in Kelantan, respectively, were aimed at resolving political disputes in the two states.

Najib, in tabling the motion, said the move to annul the emergency proclamations was made because the conditions which threatened security and public order then no longer existed.

He said that any ordinance made under the emergency proclamations and laws formulated under Article 150 of the Federal Constitution when the emergency proclamations were in force would cease to be effective six months after the emergency proclamations are annulled.

He described the annulment of the laws as important and monumental and as courageous as the measures taken by past leaders to declare the emergencies.

"The annulling of the emergency proclamations is proof that the government is always prepared to reform the country's laws in accordance with the times and strengthen government efforts to ensure that the country remains progressive.

"It is also done because we believe in the maturity of Malaysians," he said.

Najib said the annulment of the emergency proclamations is the second phase of the Political Transformation Programme (PTP) as announced in conjunction with Malaysia Day in September.

The first phase involved the abolition of the Banishment Act 1959 and the Restricted Residence Act 1933.

"The government will table the necessary legislation in March 2012," he said.

In his speech, Najib took a swipe at the opposition political parties, saying that they were willing to promise anything to garner the people's support.

"The real test for a government is to do something when it has the authority to do so. Thus, we find that those not in power can promise the sun, moon and the stars.

"They may say 'try us out first'. But, I am sure that Malaysians will not gamble their future away but place their trust in us, the tried and the tested," he said.

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